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1. CHAIRMAN OF AEC HAS BEEN INFORMED BY PAUL LOCHAK THAT
AT MEETING OF ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN PRODUCERS OF
ELECTRICAL POWER (AEPEP) ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 GREAT
INTEREST WAS DISPLAYED IN U.S. RECEPTIVITY TO EXPLORATORY
DISCUSSIONS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF DIFUSION PLANT IN
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EUROPE. LOCHAK HAD BEEN INFORMED ORALLY BY BOTH AEC AND

DEPARTMENT OF IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGING GOVERNMENTS BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER ON THIS PROJECT (SEE LAST SENTENCE OF CABLE IN REFTEL). LOCHAK INFORMED AEC CHAIRMAN, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19 THAT MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION WOULD BE IN IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND WE MIGHT ANTICIPATE GOVERNMENT APPROACH TO EMBASSIES PRESUMABLY TO INFORM US OF THEIR VIEWS AND TO ASCERTAIN SERIOUSNESS OF U.S. INTEREST IN SUPPLYING TECHNOLOGY FOR AND PARTICIPATING IN GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT TO BE LOCATED IN EUROPE.

2. IN THE EVENT OF QUERY THIS SUBJECT YOU SHOULD STATE THAT U.S. IS INDEED SERIOUS ABOUT ENTERING INTO EXPLORATORY TALKS LOOKING TOWARD CONSTRUCTION IN EUROPE OF MULTI-NATIONAL GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT UTILIZING U.S. TECHNOLOGY. THE 1971 OFFER IS STILL ON THE BOOKS. THE LOCHAK APPROACH ON BEHALF OF AEPEP IS THE FIRST REAL SHOW OF INTEREST WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM EUROPE. THIS, THEREFORE, IS THE FIRST

OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE HAD TO REAFFIRM OUR INTEREST IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPE IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT.

3. IN THE EVENT YOU ARE ASKED IF THIS IS A U.S. PLOY TO KILL EURODIF YOU SHOULD ANSWER IN THE NEGATIVE POINTING OUT THAT THE PRESENT INITIATIVE CAME ENTIRELY REPEAT ENTIRELY FROM AEPEP THROUGH LOCHAK AND THAT IT IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS INSISTED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF EUROPE BE INVOLVED.

4. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND AND USE AS APPROPRIATE. RATIONALE FOR CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO BEGIN EXPLORATORY TALKS RESTS IN FACT THAT 1971 OFFER WAS PREDICATED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SOME EUROPEAN ENRICHMENT CAPABILITY WOULD BE DEVELOPED WITH OR WITHOUT U.S. PARTICIPATION AND THAT U.S. INTEREST WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY PARTICIPATION, FROM BOTH ECONOMIC AND NON-PROLIFERATION POINTS OF VIEW. INTERVENING DEVELOPMENTS HAVE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT INDEPENDENT CAPABILITY IN EUROPE WOULD BE DEVELOPED AND TO THE EXTENT AND UNDER ARRANGEMENTS THAT MIGHT EXCLUDE THE U.S. FROM THE EUROPEAN MARKET OF THE EARLY 80'S.

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5. FOR PARIS; WE UNDERSTAND THAT DISCUSSIONS ON PARTICIPATION ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHIN FRENCH GOVERNMENT INVOLVING GISEARD DE'ESTAING, CHARBONNEL, GIRAUD AND OTHERS. KISSINGER

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